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REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Address to: Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Patent Application Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.	33229-200166
	First Named Inventor	Xin LIU
	Original Patent Number	6,316,002
	Original Patent Issue Date (Month/Day/Year)	November 13, 2001
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APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF:
(check applicable box)

☒ Utility Patent

☐ Design Patent

☐ Plant Patent

APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173)

1. ☒ * Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/56)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification and Claims in a double column copy of patent format (amended, if appropriate)
4. ☐ Drawing(s) (proposed amendments, if appropriate)
5. ☒ Reissue Oath / Declaration (original or copy)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.175)(PTO/SB/51 or 52)
6. Original U.S. Patent currently assigned?
☐ Yes ☒ No
 (If Yes, check applicable box(es))
☐ Written Consent of all Assignees (PTO/SB/53)
☐ 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement (PTO/SB/96) ☐ Power of Attorney

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. ☒ Statement of status/support for all changes to the claims. See 37 CFR 1.173(c).
8. ☐ Original U.S. Patent for surrender
☐ Ribbioned Original Patent Grant
☐ Statement of Loss (PTO/SB/55)
9. ☐ Foreign Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119)
(if applicable)
10. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
11. ☐ English Translation of Reissue Oath/Declaration (if applicable)
12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
14. ☒ Other:
PETITION UNDER RULE 1.47(a):
Statement of Non-assignment

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Claims as Filed - Part 1

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(C) 2		(D) 2	* 0				=
Basic Fee (37 CFR 1.16(h))					\$385		\$ _____
Total Filing Fee					\$475	OR	\$

Claims as Amended - Part 2

	(1) Claims Remaining After Amendment		(2) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(3) Extra Claims Present	Small Entity		Other than a Small Entity	
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*** After any cancellation of claims

**** If "A" is greater than 20, use (B - A); if "A" is 20 or less, use (B - 20).

***** "Highest Number of Independent Claims Previously Paid For" or Number of Independent Claims in Patent (C).

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 27 CFR 1.27.☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____.
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.☒ A check in the amount of \$ 605 to cover the filing / additional fee is enclosed.☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on form PTO-2038.**

January 15, 2004

Date


 Signature of Applicant, Attorney or Agent of Record

Fei-Fei Chao, Ph.D.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE REISSUE APPLICATION OF :

Xin LIU and Chee-Keung CHUNG

Patent No. : 6,316,002

TC/A.U. : 1651

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Examiner : TATE, C.

For : GERMINATION ACTIVATED *GANODERMA LUCIDUM* SPORES AND
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**PETITION TO FILE A REISSUE APPLICATION WHEN AN INVENTOR
REFUSES TO SIGN OR CANNOT BE REACHED UNDER RULE 1.47(a)**

Sir:

This Petition is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) and in accordance with the guidance given in MPEP 409.03(c) to request that the above-identified re-issue application of U.S. Patent No. 6,316,002 (hereinafter the '002 patent) be granted a filing date and forwarded for examination. The factual evidence leading to the filing of this re-issue application is described as follows:

1. The '002 patent was filed under two inventors' names, Dr. Chee-Keung Chung (hereinafter "the Applicant" or "Dr. Chung") and Mr. Xin Liu (hereinafter "Mr. Liu"), on March 12, 2001, and claimed the priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/158,377 (hereinafter the '377 application), filed on Oct. 12, 1999. The undersigned attorney was the attorney of

record for both the '377 application and the '002 patent. The Oath/Declaration in connection with the filing of the '002 patent was signed by two inventors, each of whom provided a power of attorney for the undersigned attorney. A copy of the oath/declaration signed by both inventors in connection with the application for the '002 patent is attached as Exhibit 1.

2. There has been no assignment of the '377 application and the '002 patent.

3. Prior to and at the time of the filing of these patent applications in the U.S. and counterpart applications worldwide, Dr. Chung and Mr. Liu had a friendly business relationship.

4. On information and belief, on or around July 2002, the business relationship between Dr. Chung and Mr. Liu began to deteriorate. On or about February 27, 2003, unknown to Dr. Chung, Mr. Liu retained counsel Mr. Otto Lee (Registration No. 37,871) of the Intellectual Property Law GRP LLP, having a business address of 12 South First St. Ste. 1205, San Jose, CA 95113 (Tel: 408-286-8933), to unilaterally file a reissue application of the '542 patent (Re. S.N. 10/376,845) (hereinafter "Mr. Liu's reissue application").

5. Mr. Liu's reissue application sought to name himself as the sole inventor of the '002 patent by asking the PTO to remove any additional inventor named in the '002 patent. Mr. Liu did not mention about Dr. Chung's name in his reissue application. Also, no evidence was provided by Mr. Liu with regard to his claim of a sole ownership interest in the '002 patent.

6. Dr. Chung and the undersigned were never notified about Mr. Liu's filing of a reissue application either by Mr. Liu's attorney or by the PTO.

7. On or around May 2003, the parties, individually and/or through their respective organization and trade company, filed separate lawsuits against each other. On information and belief, these lawsuits are currently pending.

8. Dr. Chung did not learn about Mr. Liu's reissue application until Mr. Liu filed an affirmation in connection with a lawsuit presently pending at the High Court in Hong Kong in December 2003. Dr. Chung immediately notified the undersigned, who in turn immediately left Examiner Christopher R. Tate (who at the time was on vacation) a voice message on December 24, 2003, after completing a search on the Official Gazette to confirm Mr. Liu's filing of the reissue application. On December 29, 2003, the undersigned placed a telephone call to Mr. Otto Lee, the attorney of record for Mr. Liu's reissue application. Mr. Lee indicated that he had very little recollection of this case because it was handled by an associate who was on vacation at that time. Mr. Lee promised that he would contact the undersigned on or about January 2, 2004, when the associate returned to work.

9. On January 6, 2004, the undersigned spoke to Examiner Tate, who indicated that he was not at liberty to discuss this matter with the undersigned because the undersigned is not the attorney of record for Mr. Liu's reissue application. Examiner Tate recommended that the undersigned talk to Examiner Bill Dixon in the Special Program Branch who handles reissue applications.

10. On January 7, 2004, the undersigned spoke to Examiner Dixon, who indicated that although he could understand the frustration experienced by the undersigned and Dr. Chung, he regretted that he could not be of any assistance because the PTO rules and regulations did not provide for any recourse for an inventor in a situation like this. The undersigned objected, pointing out that the '002 patent does not have any assignee, so that both Mr. Liu and Dr. Chung share equal rights in the patent under 35 U.S.C. § 262, and that since a reissue application can ONLY be filed "through error without any deceptive intention" under 35 U.S.C. § 251 and 37 CFR § 1.175, there was no reason for the U.S. PTO to accept RE 10/376,845 because the

application on its face was defective and deceptive (i.e., only one out of two inventors has signed the Oath/Declaration). Examiner Dixon advised the undersigned to contact the Office of Petitions for assistance.

11. The undersigned then placed a telephone call to the Office of Petitions and spoke to Examiner Karen Ferreti on January 7, 2004, who indicated that she agreed with the undersigned that the PTO obviously made a mistake in accepting Mr. Liu's reissue application because it contains an improper Oath/Declaration, but before she could provide any advice, she needed to review the files and speak with the Examiner. Until today, the undersigned has not received a return call from Ms. Ferreti.

12. On January 12, 2004, the undersigned telephoned Mr. Otto Lee again to ask him whether he would be willing to accept documents for Mr. Liu. The undersigned told Mr. Lee that Dr. Chung intended to file his own reissue application with the PTO. Mr. Lee told the undersigned that he would be glad to accept the documents for his client, Mr. Liu. On the same date, the undersigned sent Mr. Lee a cover letter, a prepared Reissue Oath/Declaration Form (with signature lines of both Mr. Liu and Dr. Chung) and a "Preliminary Amendment, Status of Claims, and Statement of Support" document. In the cover letter, the undersigned requested that Mr. Lee let her know whether or not Mr. Liu would sign the Oath/Declaration Form on or before January 14, 2004. A copy of the cover letter to Mr. Otto Lee is attached as Exhibit 2.

13. In the meantime, on January 13, 2004, the undersigned filed a Petition under 37 CFR § 1.182 and a Protest under 37 CFR § 1.291, alerting the PTO that Mr. Liu's reissue application was improperly filed and did not meet all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 251, and that should the PTO grant Mr. Liu's reissue application, Dr. Chung's ownership rights in the '002

patent will be compromised. A copy of the Petition and Protest filed by the undersigned is attached as Exhibit 3.

14. On January 14, 2004, around 3:30 pm, Mr. Lee telephoned the undersigned to tell her that he had spoken to Mr. Liu's counsel in Hong Kong about the undersigned's request. According to Mr. Lee, Mr. Liu's counsel in Hong Kong indicated that she would advise Mr. Liu not to sign the Oath/Declaration Form at this time. Therefore, Mr. Lee advised the undersigned to file this Petition claiming that Mr. Liu refused to sign the Oath/Declaration Form. Mr. Lee also indicated that should Mr. Liu change his position, he will inform the undersigned by telephone immediately.

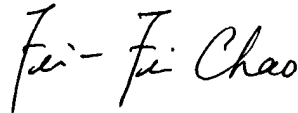
It is Applicant's position that the PTO's unilateral action to accept Mr. Liu's filing of the reissue application to remove Dr. Chung as an inventor has exceeded its statutory authority, which constitutes a reckless and callous disregard of Dr. Chung's rights under the U.S. patent laws. See, e.g., Baker Hughes Inc. v. Kirk, 38 USPQ2d 1885 (D.D.C. 1995); In re Goldstein, 16 USPQ2d 1963 (Comm. Pat. Trademarks 1990); Ethicon Inc. v. U.S. Surgical Corp., 45 USPQ2d 1545 (Fed. Cir. 1998).

Also, because Mr. Liu's counsel has informed the undersigned that Mr. Liu will not cooperate with Dr. Chung in filing this reissue application, Applicant hereby requests that this Petition be filed in Dr. Chung's name alone under 37 CFR § 1.47(a). After the filing of this reissue application, a complementary copy of all documents filed with the PTO will be sent to Mr. Otto Lee, who in turn has agreed to forward all documents to Mr. Liu to keep him informed with regard to the development of this case.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the filing of the Oath/Declaration and Statement of Non-Assignment with one out of two inventors' signatures, together with a

check which covers the petition fee of \$130 under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) and the basic filing fee, be accepted and that the application be considered on the merits. If no check is attached or if the check is for an insufficient amount, please charge the balance due to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT OF ERROR(S) TO BE RELIED UPON
AS THE BASIS FOR REISSUE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.175

Sir:

Applicant files this statement in connection with the filing of the above-identified reissue application to satisfy the requirements under 37 CFR § 1.175.

Applicant believes the original patent to be partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentees of U.S. Patent No. 6,316,002 (the '002 patent) claiming more or less than patentees had the right to claim in the patent as follows:

1. As shown in the newly added claims 23-32 (see Preliminary Amendment accompanying the reissue application), the '002 patent fails to claim the characteristics and utility of the pharmaceutical preparation, which are important to the patentability of this invention. Please note that the newly added claims 23-32 do not seek to enlarge the scope of the '002 patent.

2. As stated in the "Petition Under Rule 1.47(a)" which accompanies this reissue application, one of the original inventors of the '002 patent, Mr. Xin Liu, unilaterally filed a reissue application without notifying the Applicant of this reissue application, seeking to remove Applicant's rights as an owner of the '002 patent. On information and belief, the PTO not only wrongfully accepted and prosecuted Mr. Liu's reissue application (RE 10/376,845), but also denied Applicant's rights to participate in Mr. Liu's reissue application. This reissue application is filed in part to ensure that Dr. Chung's rights as an owner of the '002 patent enable him to file a reissue application to correct the deficiencies in the '002 patent.

Applicant respectfully submits that all errors which are being corrected in the above-identified reissue application up to the time of the filing of the oath/declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the Applicant.

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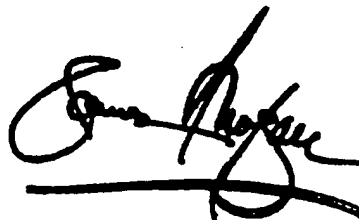
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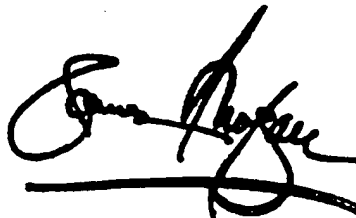
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